



**IN THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
VOLTA REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

VRFA/DC/032/23

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| 1. Ernest Yao Gaewu, (Justice) | Chairman |
| 2. Constant Dzakpasu | Member |
| 3. Felix Seloame | Member |
| 4. Kingsley Broni- Agbezuge | Secretary |

28th May, 2023

NUGATA FC VS HERITAGE FC

**PROTEST IN RESPECT OF 2022/2023 VOLTA REGIONAL DIVISION TWO
LEAGUE MATCH PLAYED AT AKATSICO PARK.**

PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Article 56 of the G.F.A Statutes (2019) and 35(9) of the Regional Football Association (RFAS) Leagues Regulations, this Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as “**The Committee**”) considered the deposition from Nugata Football Club (hereinafter referred to as “**The Petitioner**”) and Heritage FC (hereinafter referred to as “**The Respondent**”) with supporting attachments from both parties and match reports from match officials.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

STATEMENT OF CASE NUGATA FC

The Petitioner lodged a protest against the Respondent for fielding an unqualified player in during the Volta Regional Division Two League match played on 5th May, 2023 at Akatsico Park contrary to article 28(1)(a)(b)(c)(d), and 28(2)(a) of the GFA Regional Football Association (RFAs) League Regulations.

The Petitioner claims the Respondent fielded unqualified player; Gadziwozor Bernard (18)

The Petitioner further claims that the said player had already registered with Aflao Fire FC as Pamevor Ben in the FIFA Connect System.

In support of their case, The Petitioner states Articles 28(1)(a)(b)(c)(d), 28(2)(a), and 33(1)(e) and seeks relief that the match be declared null and void and that 3 points and 3 goals be awarded to The Petitioners.

The Petitioner attached printed copies of the FIFA Connect System with the player bearing different name in the Respondent's System as Gadziwozor Bernard and Pamevor Ben in the FIFA connect System in support of their case.

DEFENSE OF HERITAGE FC

The Respondent in response to the case stated the following

1. That the said Gadziwozor Bernard played for Nugata FC in the 2021/2022 season as Akowuah Bismark.
2. That the said player Akowuah Bismark played against the Respondent wearing Jersey number 6.
3. That the Respondent called the Petitioner to release the said player Akowuah Bismark to the Respondent but the Petitioner told them they actually did not register the player genuinely.
4. That from the response given to the Respondent by the Petitioner, the Respondent decided to register the player using his NHIS Card bearing the name Bernard Gadziwozor.
5. That the Respondent fielded the said player and the Petitioner claim the player is registered in another club as Pomevor Ben.
6. That the Petitioner misled the Respondent and that Article 29(3b) could be looked at.

The Respondent attached the following

1. National Health Insurance Card
2. Team sheet of Nugata FC last season
3. Pictures of the player wearing Nugata's Jersey claimed to be last season.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDS OF DECISION

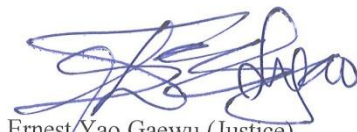
The Committee at its sittings makes the following findings

1. That protest was lodged in accordance with Article 35(1)(3) of the Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
2. That the protest was duly served on The Respondent in accordance with Article 35(4) of The Regional Football Associations (RFAs) League Regulations.
3. That Gadziwozor Bernard in the FIFA Connect System of the Respondent is the same person in the FIFA Connect system of the Aflao Fire FC as Ben Pamevor.
4. That there is a clear difference between Pomevor and Gadziwozor and the search by the Respondent could not have indicated the player's earlier registration.
5. The said player is the sole guilty party and therefore liable to the consequential effect of Article 28(2)(a)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations.
6. That the said match ended 0-0

DECISION

It is the decision of The Committee that;

1. The Petitioners' case is hereby dismissed and that the results of the match shall stand.
2. That Petitioner is hereby fined GHC 300.00 for misleading the Committee in legal relations.
3. The Petitioner shall pay the fine in decision Two (2) above within ten (10) days upon receipt of this ruling, in accordance with Article 37(8) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations
4. The Petitioner shall be liable to the consequential effect of Article 37 (1)(b) and 37 (8)(c) of the GFA Regional Football Associations (RFAs) Leagues Regulations if the club fails to pay the fine imposed on the club in Two (2) above within the period specified in decision Three(3) above.



Ernest Yao Gaewu (Justice)
Disciplinary Committee Chairman